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c) means for preparing a validity statement at said assigned revocation authority in the distributed system network in response to said policy, said validity statement including a verification status at some temporal reference;

d) means for providing said revocation authority statement, said freshness statement, and said validity statement to a verification authority in the distributed system network; and

e) means for selectively verifying said initial statement at said verification authority in response to said initial statement, said revocation authority statement, said freshness statement, and said validity statement.

#### REMARKS

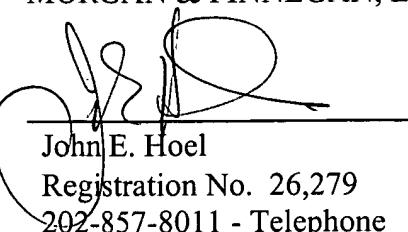
Consideration of the claims now in the case is requested. No new matter is added by this amendment.

#### AUTHORIZATIONS

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 2455-4230US3.

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